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R<sup>4</sup> is a radical as defined by R<sup>3</sup> except for hydrogen.

In the first line of claim 23, please change "22" to --21--.

In the second line of claim 32, please change "22" to --21--.

Please add new claims 36-41 as follows:

B<sup>2</sup> ~~13~~<sup>36</sup>. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim ~~3~~<sup>1</sup> and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

~~14~~<sup>37</sup>. Method of inhibiting a retrovirus protease comprising administering a protease inhibiting amount of a composition of claim ~~36~~<sup>13</sup>.

~~15~~<sup>38</sup>. Method of claim ~~37~~<sup>14</sup> wherein the retrovirals protease is HIV protease.

~~16~~<sup>39</sup>. Method of treating a retrovirus infection comprising administering an effective amount of a composition of claim ~~36~~<sup>13</sup>.

~~17~~<sup>40</sup>. Method of claim ~~39~~<sup>16</sup> wherein the retrovirals infection is an HIV infection.

~~18~~<sup>41</sup>. Method for treating AIDS comprising administering an effective amount of a composition of claim ~~36~~<sup>13</sup>.

#### REMARKS

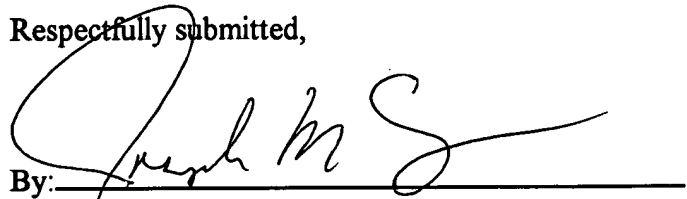
Independent claim 8 is amended to specify a particular stereochemical configuration for the recited formula. It is believed that no additional fee is due for entering this amendment. If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any deficiency.

Claim 8, dependent claims 21, 23-32 and new claims 36-41 are now pending for review. Support for the amendments to claim 8 can be found, *inter alia*, on page 3 (lines 22-30), page 19 (lines 25-32); page 23 (line 33) to page 24 (line 4); page 37 (lines 14-23); page 241 (line 25) to

page 242 (line 18), in original claim 8 and in many of the examples. Claims 36-41 are similar to some of the original claims 14-20.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 8, prior submitted claims 21, 23-32 and new claim 36-41 are patentable, and urge allowance of these claims and passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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